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Mental math speed test

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Mental maths is an essential skill both for the workplace and for life in general. The following questions use addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Set a timer for 2 minutes and see how many you can complete correctly. The answers are on page 244. You could compare your score with your friends and family.

The first ten questions are a warm-up!

$$71 - 10 = 61$$

$$10 \times 52 = 520$$

$$4 \times 70 = 280$$

$$72 - 32 = 40$$

$$330 / 11 = 30$$

$$59 + 33 = 92$$

$$32 / 8 = 4$$

$$64 + 8 = 72$$

$$5 \times 62 = 310$$

$$78 - 3 = 75$$

Now set a 2-minute timer for these:

$$79 + 44 = 123$$

$$36 - 11 = 25$$

$$7 \times 83 = 581$$

$$24 - 17 = 7$$

$$6 \times 17 = 102$$

$$35 - 23 = 12$$

$$18 \times 15 = 270$$

$$4 - 4 = 0$$

$$4 \times 29 = 116$$

$$10 - 7 = 3$$

$$9 \times 51 = 459$$

$$61 + 96 = 157$$

$$38 + 57 = 95$$

$$3 \times 72 = 216$$

$$5 \times 73 = 365$$

$$83 + 17 = 100$$

$$14 - 10 = 4$$

$$8 \times 20 = 160$$

$$15 + 75 = 90$$

$$649 / 11 = 59$$

$$6 \times 66 = 396$$

$$648 / 9 = 72$$

$$8 + 34 = 42$$

$$34 + 84 = 118$$

$$21 + 77 = 98$$

$$48 - 43 = 5$$

$$11 \times 58 = 638$$

$$35 + 76 = 111$$

$$96 - 4 = 92$$

$$2 \times 78 = 156$$

$$3 + 78 = 81$$

$$81 - 4 = 77$$

$$336 / 12 = 28$$

$$216 / 8 = 27$$

$$48 - 45 = 3$$

$$51 + 41 = 92$$

$$164 / 2 = 82$$

$$14 / 7 = 2$$

$$26 + 20 = 46$$

$$36 - 7 = 29$$

$$14 + 35 = 49$$

$$9 \times 63 = 567$$

$$21 - 10 = 11$$

$$64 + 60 = 124$$

$$66 - 7 = 59$$

$$680 / 8 = 85$$

$$12 \times 83 = 996$$

$$33 / 3 = 11$$

$$1116 / 12 = 93$$

$$408 / 8 = 51$$

$$440 / 11 = 40$$

$$29 - 16 = 13$$

$$12 \times 27 = 324$$

$$76 - 11 = 65$$

$$558 / 6 = 93$$

$$79 + 62 = 141$$

$$783 / 9 = 87$$

$$40 - 16 = 24$$

$$7 \times 42 = 294$$

$$6 \times 95 = 570$$

$$245 / 7 = 35$$

$$10 - 2 = 8$$

$$324 / 9 = 36$$

$$81 / 3 = 27$$